MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the member for Nedumangad had brought to the notice of Government that the people of Nedumangad were not permitted to collect green manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know what action Government have taken on that petition?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The petition was rejected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government considered it not possible to grant the request.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how, when it was not possible to grant the request, the Government member stated that that system still continues?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The petition was to collect green manure from the forest reserve and it was refused.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, when the fact was brought to the notice of Government that the system that was prevailing was discontinued and the people must be permitted to collect green manure from scrub-jungle reserves, why no concession was given and why the petition was rejected?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government found that the practice of allowing people to collect green manure from the scrub-jungle was in vogue and so there was no necessity to give further concession.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Am I to understand that Government have no objection in granting license to the people of Nedumangad to collect manure leaves out of scrub-jungle reserve?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Forest Department will continue to permit the collection of manure leaves?

PRESIDENT: The Government member stated that the practice still continues.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Can the member tell us the extent of scrub-jungle reserve in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Promotion of Teachers as Head Masters.

235. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): With reference to the promotion of teachers to Head Masters' places in V. M. Schools, will the Government be pleased to state whether any percentage of Head Masters' places is allotted to undergraduate trained teachers in the Vernacular Branch who have put in some years' service?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is in the negative.

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MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the basis on which V. M. School teachers are promoted as Head Masters?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Seniority and qualifications.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will all teachers be promoted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): If they are Malayalam graduates, they will be given preference.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): As between a V. S. L. C. trained teacher of 20 years' standing and an untrained teacher of 25 years' standing, who will be preferred for promotion as Head Master?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I submit that it is a hypothetical question.

Night-soil Depot at Alleppey.

236. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any order for the removal of the night-soil depot of the Alleppey Municipality from its present site;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of the order issued:

(*c*) whether anything in connection with the removal of the depot has been done;

(*d*) if so, the extent of the work done till now; and

(*e*) who is in charge of the work, the Government or the Municipality?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 17-7-1931.

(*c*) and (*d*) A new site has been acquired and handed over to the Municipality. An approach road from the Alleppey-Aroor road to this site is under construction.

(*e*) The Municipality was in charge of the work, in the beginning; but it has been asked recently to entrust the work to the P. W. Department in accordance with the rules governing the execution of public works by Municipalities.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): In answer to parts (*c*) and (*d*), may I know the length of the approach road?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) Half a mile.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know how much of that road has been constructed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A portion of it has been constructed.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Is the member in a position to say how much?

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